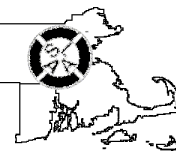


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# NEI NEWSLETTER



New England Intergroup of S.L.A.A.

“The most terrifying thing is to accept oneself completely.”

— Carl Jung

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**NEI Upcoming Events** NEI is planning some fellowship-building events in the coming months.

## February 2014

- February 9 - NEI Business Meeting, 5 PM
- February 15 - We Are Not Alone Event, 6 PM

## March 2014

- March 9 - NEI Business Meeting, 5 PM

## April 2014

- April 13 - NEI Business Meeting, 5 PM

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## Upcoming Vermont 12-STEP Weekend Retreat Schedule

- March 28-30, 2014
- July 18-20, 2014
- October 3-5, 2014
- December 19-21, 2014

*In Chester, Vermont  
(2 1/2-3 hours from Boston)*

The retreats are not only about sharing experience, strength, and hope, but a chance to have lots of fun and laughs as well! We not only work the Steps, but also provide an opportunity to get to know ourselves, as well as other S&L addicts in a safe place. There is also ample opportunity for "down" time if your schedule is overwhelming you - for more information, visit our retreat web page at [www.slaanei.org/vtweekend.html](http://www.slaanei.org/vtweekend.html)

## “WE ARE NOT ALONE” GET TOGETHER

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Open Speaker & Discussion Meeting with Games, Food, Music, & Fellowship to Follow

6:00 - 7:30 pm — Speaker/Discussion Meeting  
7:30 - 10:00 pm — Games, Food, Music and Fellowship

**WHERE:** Grace Episcopal Church, 76 Eldredge Street, 1st floor, Newton, MA  
— *this facility is handicapped accessible.*

**WHY:** Valentine's Day can be a struggle, so get some extra support and fellowship to help stay sober.

**COST:** \$8 each, more if you can, less if you can't. No one will be turned away. Cost is to cover the rent for the church space.

**BRING:** Feel free to bring games, musical instruments, etc. Friends and significant others are also welcome to attend.

**FOOD:** Feel free to bring your own food or something to share. If you bring food, please list ingredients as some members have food allergies.

**QUESTIONS:** Email [activities@slaanei.org](mailto:activities@slaanei.org) or leave a message with NEI's Answering Service at 617-625-7961.

For more information, download the event flyer at [www.slaanei.org/library/valentines\\_day\\_2014.pdf](http://www.slaanei.org/library/valentines_day_2014.pdf)

## NEWS BRIEFS

**\*\* Facilitators Needed for Institutional S.L.A.A. Meetings in Bridgewater, MA** – The Massachusetts Correctional Treatment Facility in Bridgewater, MA holds two S.L.A.A. meetings every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They are looking for S.L.A.A. members to come in and facilitate the meetings. Without anyone to facilitate the meetings, the State will cancel the S.L.A.A. program. Volunteers must be male, have no criminal record, and be willing to submit to a background check (including full name). If you are interested, please email [slaa.bridgewater@slaanei.org](mailto:slaa.bridgewater@slaanei.org) or call the NEI answering service at 617-625-7961 and leave a message for Wil.

### **\*\* THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE.**

Subscribe to the quarterly F.W.S. Newsletter via email at [www.slaafws.org/newsletters/subscriptions](http://www.slaafws.org/newsletters/subscriptions). You can subscribe to the print version for a \$20 fee. Feel free to take a newsletter to your meeting. In this Newsletter:

- When Couples or Ex-Partners are Disruptive at a Meeting
- Proper Use of S.L.A.A. Logos
- Recent Intergroup and Group Contributions to FWS
- S.L.A.A. 2013-2014 Budget and Balance Sheet
- Summary of Motions for the Upcoming 2014 Annual Business Meeting

**\*\* Tuesday Meeting in Weymouth MA Starting a New Workbook** – The Tuesday night “Commitment to Reality” meeting in Weymouth MA is now starting a new workbook called The Recovery Zone vol. 1 by Patrick Carnes. All are welcome to join and this is a great time to get started as we are just beginning this book.

**Does your group need S.L.A.A. Basic Texts, pamphlets or chips?**

Local S.L.A.A. meetings in Eastern MA and Rhode Island are encouraged to order their S.L.A.A. literature through New England Intergroup (NEI). Simply consult the order form found at the NEI website, <http://www.slaanei.org>. The order cannot be submitted through our web site but you can use it as a price guide and email an order to [literature@slaanei.org](mailto:literature@slaanei.org). Then pick it up at the NEI meeting which is usually the second Sunday of the month at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Orders may alternatively be mailed to our P.O. Box and picked up at the next NEI business meeting as long as the order is sent to the P.O. Box at least three weeks in advance of the NEI business meeting. Be sure to check NEI's web site for our P.O. Box address and a current list of upcoming meeting dates and directions.

Note: If you want to have your literature mailed, your group should instead place your order through Fellowship Wide Services at <http://www.slaafws.org> or at 1-210-828-7900.



**GET ALL YOUR NEI INFORMATION BY EMAIL**

Contact us at [mailinglist@slaanei.org](mailto:mailinglist@slaanei.org) to be added to our emailing list. Thank you.



**SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME TO THE NEI BUSINESS MEETINGS TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING. THIS IS YOUR FELLOWSHIP.

*Our next NEI business meeting is Sunday, February 9, 2014 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.* We invite all S.L.A.A. members to join us **AND PARTICIPATE** at Newton - Wellesley Hospital – Room AR 345 in the Allen-Riddle Building.



*The views expressed in the NEI Newsletter are the opinions of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of New England Intergroup.*

**STEP AND TRADITION OF THE MONTH**

**STEP 2: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**

**TRADITION 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as this Power may be expressed through our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

**NEI Elects New Officers for 2014-2015**

NEI held the bi-annual officer elections on at the business meeting on Sunday, January 12. The term of each position is two years. The election results are as follows:

- Chair – Peter S.
- Vice-Chair – **Open**
- Treasurer – Bob G.
- Recording Secretary – David B.
- Corresponding Secretary – **Open**
- Newsletter Editor – Rich N.
- Literature Coordinator – David B.
- Outreach Chair – Wil C.
- Activities Committee Chair – Peter S.
- Annual Business Meeting Delegate – Wil C.
- Telephone Coordinator – Kim B.
- Website Coordinator – Lisa P.

The positions of Vice-Chair and Corresponding Secretary are still open. The Vice-Chair substitutes for the Chair when the Chair cannot attend a business meeting. The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for responding to US Mail correspondence and sending the NEI monthly mailings to US mail addresses. Both positions have a one-year sobriety requirement. These are opportunities for people who wish to be involved in Intergroup service.

Besides the officer positions, there are plenty of service opportunities for anyone who wants to get involved with their Intergroup:

- Telephone volunteers
- Email responders
- Activities Committee
- Group Representative or Alternate Rep.

Anyone can attend Intergroup meetings. Everyone gets an opportunity to voice their opinion. Everyone gets an opportunity to do service. If you are interested in getting involved with New England Intergroup, please come to the next business meeting on Sunday, February 9 from 5-7 PM. The meeting is at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in the Allen-Riddle Building in room 345.

**LOCAL MEETING CHANGES**

**SUNDAY**, MA. WEYMOUTH, 7:00 PM (CD12L, h) East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial Street. **Needs Support**

**SUNDAY**, RI. WARWICK, 7:30 PM (CD12) All Saints' Episcopal Church, 111 Greenwich Ave **Needs Support**

**THURSDAY**, MA. TOPSFIELD, 7:00 PM (OSDT,h) Topsfield SLAA. Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 River Road, Library Room. **New Meeting**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL GROUPS** All changes to the meeting list will require an NEI Meeting Registration Form to be completed. This applies to any time, date, place or address changes as well meeting name changes and contact changes. A form can be downloaded at [www.slaanei.org/neiforms.html](http://www.slaanei.org/neiforms.html)